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TITLE OF INVENTION: ENHANCER OF ANTICANCER ACTIVITY IN VIRAL THERAPY AND METHOD OF PREVENTING OR TREATING CANCER

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# Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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## Application No. Applicant(s) 10/594 964 TODO, TOMOKI Notice of Allowability Examiner Art Unit A R Salimi 1648 -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308. This communication is responsive to 09/23/09. The allowed claim(s) is/are 17,19-26 and 28-30. 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) X All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the: 1. T Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. \( \overline{\text{ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_. Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. (a) Including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d). 6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. Attachment(s) 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08). 7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment Paper No./Mail Date 9/23/09 8. X Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material Other .

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### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claimed invention is deemed allowable because the state of the prior art did not teach addition of IL-18 to oncolytic herpes simplex virus. Applicant, in the response filed on 09/23/2009, argues at the time of the invention IL-12 was known to prevent a HSV infection. Thus Applicant asserts at the time of invention those skill in the art would have expected IL-12 would reduce the effectiveness of oncolytic virus therapy. This assertion as a general proposition is rather misplaced. In fact the IL-12 was known to those skilled in the art to enhance anti-tumor activity of oncolytic herpes virus, as evidence see Bennett et al, Annals of Surgery, 2001, Vol. 233, No. 6, pages 819-826. Bennett et al taught replication-component HSV combined with IL-12 showed better efficacy in treating cancer tumors. The Office is of opinion, notwithstanding such teaching, claims are free of art because the combinations of IL-18, recombinant HSV or combinations of IL-18, recombinant HSV and IL-12 may have been obvious to try but not obvious to succeed. See The Proctor & Gamble Company v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., (Fed. Circuit, May 2009)

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Claims 17, 19-26, 28-30 are allowed.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to A. R. Salimi whose telephone number is (571) 272-0909. The

examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 Am to 6:00 Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Larry Helms, can be reached on (571) 272-0832. The Official fax number is (571)

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/A R Salimi/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1648

10/07/2009